

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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Modification of Mail Classification Schedule  
Regarding First-Class Mail Single-Piece  
Residual Price Table

Docket No. MC2013-30

COMMISSION'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued January 25, 2013)

To clarify the record, the Postal Service is requested to provide a written response to the following questions. An answer should be provided as soon as possible, but no later than February 1, 2013.

1. Under the current rate schedule, mailers tender residual pieces from a First-Class presort letter mailing as Single-Piece First-Class Mail.
  - a. Please describe the physical steps involved in preparing the residual pieces from a presort mailing for presentation to the Postal Service. In answering, describe any differences among mailings of mixed pieces and those containing only one-ounce or two-ounce presort pieces.
  - b. Please provide a copy of the forms and/or mailing statements that mailers must submit to the Postal Service with a presort mailing, including any forms and/or mailing, statements that are required for residual pieces tendered. In answering, describe any differences among mailings of mixed pieces and those containing only one-ounce or two-ounce presort pieces.

2. In response to Chairman's Information Request No. 1, question 2b, the Postal Service explains that one-ounce residual pieces from pure one-ounce presort mailings can either be entered separately, for the single-piece 46-cent rate or presented with a pure one-ounce presort mailing for the 48-cent residual rate.
  - a. Please describe the difference in physical preparation requirements to qualify for the 46-cent rate versus the 48-cent residual rate.
  - b. Please describe the difference in forms and/or mailing statements that mailers must submit to the Postal Service to qualify for the 46-cent rate versus the 48-cent residual rate.
  - c. Please describe the difference in physical preparation requirements and forms and/or mailing statements to qualify for the one-ounce rate between what they are currently and what they will be beginning January 27, 2013.
3. As proposed in the MCS language provided in response to Chairman's Information Request No. 1, question 4, if residual letters presented with a mixed-weight presort mailing were purely two-ounce items, the Single-Piece Machinable Letter rate would apply.
  - a. Please describe how a mailer of a mixed-weight presort mailing would confirm that the residual pieces from that mailing were not purely two-ounce items without sorting the residual by weight.
  - b. Please confirm that if the residual pieces from a mixed-weight presort mailing consisting of one one-ounce piece and numerous two-ounce pieces, the mailer would qualify for the 48-cent residual rate.

- c. Please confirm that as of January 27, 2013, a mailer will have two options for mixed-weight residual pieces from a First-Class presort letter mailing: (1) separate the one-ounce from the two-ounce residual pieces and pay the applicable Single-Piece First-Class Mail rates, and (2) pay the 48-cent residual rate for all residual pieces weighing up to two ounces. If not, please explain.
- 4. If, question 4 is confirmed, please confirm that mailers with residuals containing a proportion of one-ounce to two-ounce pieces that exceeds the average have an incentive to continue to separate their residual pieces by weight and enter them as Single-Piece First-Class Mail.

By the Commission.

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